

# L'ENFANT PROMENADE

URBAN PLANNING STUDY &  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Public Meeting on July 30, 2003

A public open house meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 30, 2003** in Ballroom D of **Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel**.

Please stop by between **4 PM** and **7 PM** to review preliminary rehabilitation alternatives.

## YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

The people who live and work in the Promenade area use it frequently and are in the best position to say what could be improved and what new elements would make their daily trip safer, easier, and more comfortable. Your input is crucial in this next phase. Please attend the July public meeting or send your comments to one of the project sponsors listed to the right.

Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel is accessible by Metrorail (L'Enfant Plaza Station) and Metrobus. If you require special assistance to attend and participate, please call Mr. Jack Van Dop at (703) 404-6282 one week in advance of the meeting date.

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## WHO YOU CAN CONTACT

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<http://www.efl.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/nepa>

Newsletter 1



<http://www.ddot.dc.gov/information/studies/lenfant/index.shtml>

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IMAGINE . . . L'Enfant Promenade filled with people strolling to work or play along a lively, bustling public avenue, reconnecting the National Mall to the Southwest Waterfront...

## PUBLIC MEETING – JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>

You are invited to share your ideas on how to recreate L'Enfant Promenade as a lively, hospitable, functional place and important circulation link between the National Mall and the Southwest Waterfront.

When: **Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003**  
**4:00 – 7:00 pm**

Where: ★ **Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel**  
**Ballroom D**  
**480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW**  
**Washington, DC**

## PRELIMINARY REHABILITATION ALTERNATIVES IDENTIFIED

Work has begun on the L'Enfant Promenade Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify and evaluate alternatives for improving the connectivity, function, aesthetic quality, and life span of L'Enfant Promenade and 10<sup>th</sup> Street Overlook. The EA is a continuation of the Urban Planning Study, completed in May 2003. Rehabilitation concepts recommended in that study will be evaluated in the EA, along with other improvement alternatives identified as a result of engineering evaluations of the Promenade and through the scoping and public involvement process. Preliminary rehabilitation alternatives identified by the project consultant team will be available for public review and comment at the July public meeting (see above).

## URBAN PLANNING STUDY COMPLETE

The L'Enfant Promenade Urban Planning Study is complete! You are urged to take a look at it on the project websites (see above). The study developed several conceptual visions for the Promenade and Overlook based on public input and design concepts produced in earlier study efforts.



## URBAN PLANNING STUDY & ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Spring 2003 -	Urban Planning Study Complete
Summer 2003 -	Development of Alternatives
Fall 2003 -	Preparation of Draft EA
Winter 2003 -	Decision on Preferred Alternative

*There will be opportunity for public comment during the development of the rehabilitation alternatives and during the review period for the draft EA.*



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### Looking for more information?

Visit one of the websites below for the latest information on the L'Enfant Promenade Rehabilitation Study.

FHWA EFLHD website: [www.epl.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/nepa](http://www.epl.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/nepa)

DDOT website: [www.ddot.dc.gov/information/studies/enfant/index.shtml](http://www.ddot.dc.gov/information/studies/enfant/index.shtml)

### PROMENADE ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED

Improvement alternatives being considered for the L'Enfant Promenade, between Independence Ave. and the 10th St. Overlook, include No Build, Rehabilitation, and Replacement Alternatives.

#### Promenade

##### No Build

Provides routine maintenance of the Promenade, such as painting, cleaning, removal of standing water and general upkeep only.

##### Rehab 1

Provides routine maintenance plus general rehabilitation of the Promenade, including repair of items in need of immediate attention or that pose a threat to public safety.

##### Rehab 2

Provides routine maintenance, general rehabilitation and more intensive rehabilitation, including major modifications to the Promenade structure such as reinforcing to accommodate urban design elements and additional loads, removing deck sections, and replacing structural components.

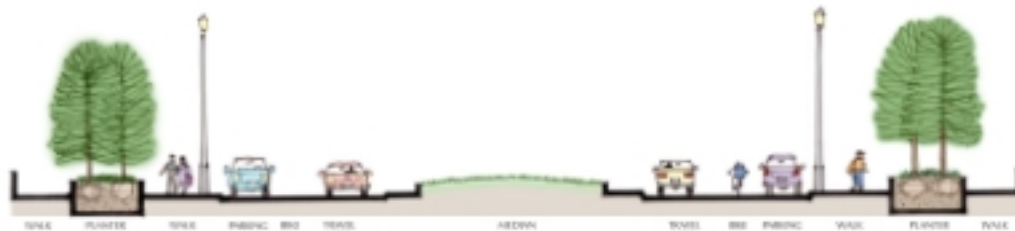
##### Replacement

Would demolish all or portions of the Promenade structure and rebuild it to accommodate urban design elements and necessary repairs.

*Various design options are possible with the rehabilitation and replacement alternatives. All design options include the addition of landscape, streetscape and wayfinding elements to the Promenade. Design options also reflect modifications the roadway and sidewalk cross-section, as shown in the illustrations to the right.*



EXISTING PROMENADE



PROMENADE OPTION 1



PROMENADE OPTIONS 2 AND 3



PROMENADE OPTION 4

### OVERLOOK ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED

Modifications are being considered for the Overlook site to improve its overall appearance and the circulation link between the Promenade and the Southwest Waterfront for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

#### 10th Street Overlook

##### No Build

Provides routine maintenance, such as repairing minor cracks in sidewalks, and general upkeep.

##### Build Alternative 1

Connects the Overlook to the Southwest Waterfront via a pedestrian ramp and crosswalk across Maine Avenue.

##### Build Alternative 2

Connects the Overlook to the Southwest Waterfront via a pedestrian bridge across Maine Avenue.

##### Build Alternative 3

Connects the Overlook to the Southwest Waterfront via a grand staircase and crosswalk across Maine Avenue.

##### Build Alternatives 4 and 5

Connects the Overlook to the Southwest Waterfront via a grand staircase and crosswalk across Maine Avenue and constructs a visitor transportation parking facility at the Overlook site for cars and tour buses. Alternative 4 provides a vehicular circulation connection between the Promenade and 9th Street S.W. Alternative 5 does not.

*All of the Overlook Build Alternatives also provide for routine maintenance of the site and add landscape, streetscape and wayfinding elements and a bicycle connection from the Promenade to Maine Avenue.*

